

Clark County Coroner  
1704 Pinto Lane  
Las Vegas, NV 89106  
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## AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 3, 2017

### POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF [REDACTED]

Date of death: 2257 hours on October 1, 2017

Date of examination: 0055 hours on October 3, 2017

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Suzanne. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of gray shorts, boxers, and socks accompany the body.

#### EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY:

1. Endotracheal tube.
2. Automated external defibrillator pads.
3. Bilateral incisions on the lateral sides consistent with chest tube placement.

#### EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed, well-nourished, [REDACTED] male appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 69 inches, and the weight is 185 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, nonblanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is covered with blond hair measuring up to 1/2 inch on the top of the head. There is stubble on the face. The ears are normally formed and without drainage. No piercings are apparent. The irides are blue, the corneas are clear, and the

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bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae are free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses.

The abdomen is flat and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The external genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male with both testes palpable in the scrotum.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus isatraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are seen. The fingernails are trimmed short and are clean.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and without edema, amputation, or deformity. The toenails are trimmed short and are clean.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS): None identified.

### EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

*There is a perforating gunshot wound of the back. The directions are stated with reference to the standard anatomic positions.*

#### PERFORATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF BACK:

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the left side of the back. It is centered 13-1/2 inches below the top of the head and 5-1/4 inches left of midline. It is a 1/8 inch diameter defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion.

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EXIT: There is an exit gunshot wound on the left upper chest. It is centered 13 inches below the top of the head and 4-1/2 inches left of midline. It is a 3/8 x 3/8 inch defect.

DIRECTION: Back-to-front, left-to-right, and upward.

OTHER INJURIES: There is a 1/4 x 1/4 inch abrasion on the left knee.

### SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Subclavian blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.017 g/100mL).

HISTOLOGY: No tissue is retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of injuries are taken.

RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show very small metallic fragments in the low chest.

### OPINION

Based on the examination findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is **gunshot wound of back**, and the manner of death is **Homicide**.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED]-year-old male, [REDACTED] died of gunshot wound of back.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.

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